

**Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room
December 29, 2016**

John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Jay Schmidt, Chay Howard, Matt Christenson, Jeff Guy, and Shelly Fisher attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda, PR and AP reports and 12-19 minutes

John opened the meeting after the pledge of allegiance.

Bert moved to approve the consent agenda, with changing concert to concrete on the last page, last paragraph of the 12-19 minutes and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jay Schmidt came and presented the lease papers for a Motor Grater. After review Bert moved to approve the lease agreement for \$20972.74 for 7 years, and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, Jay informed them that the soil test had been completed at the Landfill. He also reported that three guys had been working on the low water crossing South of Haviland and they should finish today. Lastly, he reported that there had been a complaint about an employee talking on his cell phone in a County vehicle and almost running someone off the road. By consensus they agreed that Scott should work on a policy regarding cell phone usage in County vehicles.

Matt Christenson came to discuss the deposit of the 2017 PILOT Funding, \$397,475 into the General Fund and \$302,525 into Road and Bridge. Depositing the funds in that manner should leave each fund with more cash than was projected when preparing the 2017 budget. Matt also discussed the lighting options for the Courthouse. To replace 78 Ballast the cost would be \$73.70 per Ballast, to go with 78 LED lighting fixtures, the cost would be \$88 per light. Annually, the fluorescent lights currently in the Courthouse cost \$35.54 per fixture, LED would cost \$16.29 per fixture. John made the motion to replace 78 fixtures in the Courthouse with LED fixtures from Home Lumber, Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Rosa Spainhour with EMS came to ask if they could encumber \$15,474.08, to go into the Equipment Reserve fund for future equipment upgrades. Ron moved to allow EMS to encumber the funds, Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Break was called at 9:38 and regular session began at 9:45.

Kristi Cooper presented a payroll change for T Neill, a new Detention Officer, E Stryker, resignation, D Miller, resignation, and S Butler, merit increase. John moved to approve the payroll changes and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next, she presented several tax corrections for review. After review, Ron moved to approve the corrections and Bert seconded, motion carries 3-0. She then let them know that she was replacing all the computer monitors in the Clerk's office and asked if she could donate the old ones to a non-profit organization, she was told that it was fine.

Chris Tedder came in to discuss the K-9. He bought a single purpose dog for drugs and if they need to, they can train it to track later, it came out of the Special Law fund. Bert then asked about the turnover at the Sheriff's Office. They requested that Chris look at his budget and come to the next meeting to discuss further.

Kristi Cooper came back to discuss the Short-Term Disability Plan and Flex reimbursement. No action was taken.

During Commission discussion, John asked to have a 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel at the January 3, 2017 meeting. Deputy Clerk will add it to the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55

Kiowa County Commission:



John W. Unruh, Chairman



Bert Lowery, Vice Chairman



Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:



Shelly Fisher, Deputy County Clerk

The next Commissioner meeting will be held on January 3, 2017 in the basement conference room.